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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Li-Shun Wang, John Chu

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**SUBSTRATE** 

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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENTS Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In connection with the Office Action mailed on July 5, 2000 regarding the above-referenced Application, the Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following amendments and remarks.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 5.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A method of removing a particle from a metal surface of a via comprising:

introducing a first agent to a metal layer;

polishing the metal layer with the first agent; and

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